

SSB 5360 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The community health care collaborative grant program is
6 established to further the efforts of community-based coalitions to
7 increase access to appropriate, affordable health care for Washington
8 residents, particularly employed low-income persons and children in
9 school who are uninsured and underinsured, through local programs
10 addressing one or more of the following: (a) Access to medical
11 treatment; (b) the efficient use of health care resources; and (c)
12 quality of care.

13 (2) Consistent with funds appropriated for community health care
14 collaborative grants specifically for this purpose, two-year grants may
15 be awarded pursuant to section 2 of this act by the administrator of
16 the health care authority.

17 (3) The health care authority shall provide administrative support
18 for the program. Administrative support activities may include health
19 care authority facilitation of statewide discussions regarding best
20 practices and standardized performance measures among grantees, or
21 subcontracting for such discussions.

22 (4) Eligibility for community health care collaborative grants
23 shall be limited to nonprofit organizations established to serve a
24 defined geographic region or organizations with public agency status
25 under the jurisdiction of a local, county, or tribal government. To be
26 eligible, such entities must have a formal collaborative governance
27 structure and decision-making process that includes representation by
28 the following health care providers: Hospitals, public health,
29 behavioral health, community health centers, rural health clinics, and
30 private practitioners that serve low-income persons in the region,

1 unless there are no such providers within the region, or providers
2 decline or refuse to participate or place unreasonable conditions on
3 their participation. The nature and format of the application, and the
4 application procedure, shall be determined by the administrator of the
5 health care authority. At a minimum, each application shall: (a)
6 Identify the geographic region served by the organization; (b) show how
7 the structure and operation of the organization reflects the interests
8 of, and is accountable to, this region and members providing care
9 within this region; (c) indicate the size of the grant being requested,
10 and how the money will be spent; and (d) include sufficient information
11 for an evaluation of the application based on the criteria established
12 in section 2 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The community health care collaborative grants shall be awarded
16 on a competitive basis based on a determination of which applicant
17 organization will best serve the purposes of the grant program
18 established in section 1 of this act. In making this determination,
19 priority for funding shall be given to the applicants that demonstrate:

20 (a) The initiatives to be supported by the community health care
21 collaborative grant are likely to address, in a measurable fashion,
22 documented health care access and quality improvement goals aligned
23 with state health policy priorities and needs within the region to be
24 served;

25 (b) The applicant organization must document formal, active
26 collaboration among key community partners that includes local
27 governments, school districts, large and small businesses, nonprofit
28 organizations, tribal governments, carriers, private health care
29 providers, and public health agencies;

30 (c) The applicant organization will match the community health care
31 collaborative grant with funds from other sources. The health care
32 authority may award grants solely to organizations providing at least
33 two dollars in matching funds for each community health care
34 collaborative grant dollar awarded;

35 (d) The community health care collaborative grant will enhance the
36 long-term capacity of the applicant organization and its members to

1 serve the region's documented health care access needs, including the
2 sustainability of the programs to be supported by the community health
3 care collaborative grant;

4 (e) The initiatives to be supported by the community health care
5 collaborative grant reflect creative, innovative approaches which
6 complement and enhance existing efforts to address the needs of the
7 uninsured and underinsured and, if successful, could be replicated in
8 other areas of the state; and

9 (f) The programs to be supported by the community health care
10 collaborative grant make efficient and cost-effective use of available
11 funds through administrative simplification and improvements in the
12 structure and operation of the health care delivery system.

13 (2) The administrator of the health care authority shall endeavor
14 to disburse community health care collaborative grant funds throughout
15 the state, supporting collaborative initiatives of differing sizes and
16 scales, serving at-risk populations.

17 (3) Grants shall be disbursed over a two-year cycle, provided the
18 grant recipient consistently provides timely reports that demonstrate
19 the program is satisfactorily meeting the purposes of the grant and the
20 objectives identified in the organization's application. The
21 requirements for the performance reports shall be determined by the
22 health care authority administrator. The performance measures shall be
23 aligned with the community health care collaborative grant program
24 goals and, where possible, shall be consistent with statewide policy
25 trends and outcome measures required by other public and private grant
26 funders.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 By July 1st of each even-numbered fiscal year the administrator of
30 the health care authority shall provide the governor and the
31 legislature with an evaluation of the community health care
32 collaborative grant program, describing the organizations and
33 collaborative initiatives funded and the results achieved. The report
34 shall include the impact of the program, results of performance
35 measures, general findings, and recommendations.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The health care authority may adopt rules to
2 implement this act."

3 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Limits grants to organizations with public agency status
under the jurisdiction of a political subdivision or tribal government.

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